



## **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES** **COMMAND (AIRBORNE)** ***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH***

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### **Brig. Gen. Edward M. Reeder Jr.** **Commanding General**

Brigadier General Edward M. Reeder Jr. was commissioned in the Infantry through the Appalachian State University ROTC program in 1982. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the U.S. National War College.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne, Ranger, Special Forces Qualification Course, the Defense Language Institute, the U.S. Command and General Staff College and the U.S. National War College. Reeder has held a variety of command and staff positions. His command assignments include platoon leader and weapons platoon leader, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany; commander, Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in the Republic of Panama and commander, Special Forces Operational Detachment-Bravo, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.



He served as deputy commanding officer, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and commanded the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Reeder commanded the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and most recently commanded the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command in Afghanistan. His staff assignments include company executive officer and battalion adjutant with the 1st Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (Forward) in Germany.

He served as the aide-de-camp to the commanding general, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and the ground operations officer at the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. Reeder served as the chief of J3 Plans and chief of J3 Training at the U.S. Southern Command and the Joint Interagency Task Force in the Republic of Panama.

He served as a battalion and group operations officer and group executive officer for the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was the assistant chief of staff, G3, for the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Reeder also served as the executive officer to the commander, United States Special Operations Command in Tampa, Fla.

His combat tours include the National Civil Defense Advisor in the Republic of El Salvador in 1988. Reeder commanded Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha 786 during Operation Just Cause in 1989 with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) under Task Force Black in the Republic of Panama. He commanded Special Operations Task Force 32 (2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2002 and again in 2003.

Reeder commanded the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force (7th Special Forces Group) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2006 and in 2007. He also commanded the Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command – Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2009 to 2010.

Reeder's personal awards include various U.S. and foreign decorations and badges. He is married to the former Adrian Hopkins of Overland Park, Kansas. They have three children, Edward III, Jennifer, and Morgan.

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